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HANKOW RIFT.

The Nationalist Split Grows.

EXTREMISTS IN CONTROL?

The following wireless messages have been received by the local naval authorities:

The situation remains unchanged at Ichang.

The Ichang Labour Union have answered the letter sent in reply to their demands following the clash between Bluejackets and stevedores on the s.s. "Tung Wo," reducing their demands.

Large demonstrations in memory of the second anniversary of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's death have been arranged for to-day.

According to a message from Hankow, the split between the Moderates and Extremists of the Nationalist party there has left the Extremists in control.

To-day will be observed in Hankow as a Sun Yat-sen Memorial holiday.

Troop movements down river continue.

Business has been resumed at Wuhan and the Customs have temporarily opened.

There appear to be no anti-foreign demonstrations or feeling in evidence at Wuhan and the local authorities have "taken action" in the matter of looters.

Demonstrations in observance of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's death are being arranged for to-day.

Anhwei troops are being replaced by Cantonese and the fourth Army has proceeded to the North Bank of the river.

Chen Tyeo-yung has proceeded to Kiukiang.

Troops and stores continue to be moved across the river at Nanjing, and at Kiukiang troops are crossing to the North Bank of the river.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

The Coldstream Guards in Shanghai.

Shanghai, March 11.

Pouring rain greeted the Coldstream Guards when the Second Battalion landed on Chinese soil for the first time this afternoon, and headed by their band, marched five miles to where billets had been prepared at Jessfield Park.

Admiral Tyrwhitt, accompanied by General Duncan, took the salute at the entrance to the British Consulate, where British subjects mostly concentrated, and as the Coldstream Guards swung along through the rain, they were welcomed by rousing cheers by their countrymen.

The fine physique of the burly Guardsmen evoked general admiration of the mixed crowd of Chinese and foreigners, which lined the Bund and Nanking Road. The men were in the pink of condition and cheerful. They will constitute a most useful addition to the Defence Force.—Reuter.

Taranto, March 11.

The auxiliary ship "Volta" is leaving for the Far East, with marine units aboard.—Reuter.

YARN AND CLOTH.

HOW TRADE SHOWS BIG IMPROVEMENT.

PROBLEM OF COMPETITION.

London, March 11.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners Association at Marchester, Mr. Fred Holroyd said that 1927 had seen a very considerable return to the trade in yarn and cloth, but prices were not quite satisfactory.

The continuance of such trade would soon see the mills and weaving sheds full. Production portents for the future were very bright.

The Federation strongly opposed ratification of the Washington convention for forty-eight hours and held the opinion that even if competitors ratified it, it would probably be conditional on the right under special circumstances to work longer hours which would not be permitted in Britain.

Quoting a week's figures showing that America consumed four times as much American cotton as England, while Japan, Germany and France each consumed more than half the quantity used in England, the speaker declared that it was beyond comprehension how people in the trade could contend there was no competition to fear.—Reuter.

POSTERS SEIZED.

Police Action on S.S. "Fatshan."

CREW REFUSE TO SAIL.

Two posters with Chinese written characters were removed by the Police this morning from the s.s. "Fatshan" (owned by the China Navigation Co., Ltd.) when she was alongside the Steamboat Co.'s wharf. The native crew refused to sail until the posters were returned to them.

On the tween deck amidships were about ten posters of the type now prominently displayed at every street corner in Canton. They had been put up for the second anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Most of them referred to the late Dr. Sun's principles, or to the so-called claims of Labour. One of them, broadly translated, said: "The three great principles—an alliance with Russia, an alliance with Communism, the triumph of Labour." These posters were not seized. The two posters seized were of a very different character.

No Untoward Incident.

Police officers on wharf duty drew attention to the posters prior to 8 a.m., the hour when the ship was to sail.

The branch of the Seamen's Union on the "Fatshan" also held a meeting on the lower deck.

Reinforcements arrived from Police headquarters under Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence), Mr. L. H. V. Booth (A.S.P.) and Chief Detective Inspector T. Murphy, who were accompanied by Mr. R. A. C. North, chief assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

There was no untoward incident nor was any arrest made. The crew announced that they would not work for the ship's departure till the two posters were handed back to them. Some of the passengers got off the boat but the majority and the cargo remain aboard.

A NEW ERA.

RADIOPHONE DIPLOMATIC INTERCOURSE.

LONDON TALKS WITH CUBA.

London, March 11.

A new era in diplomatic relationship was inaugurated to-day when the Cuban Foreign Minister at Havana conversed with Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office, London, over the wireless telephone, inaugurating telephonic communication between London and Latin America.

Mr. Locker Lampson, acknowledging the Cuban Minister's message, said this wonderful development of wireless telephony could not fail to bring Cuba and Britain closer.—Reuter.

MINISTERS CONVERSE.

Rugby, March 11.

Public telephone communication by wireless between London and Havana, Cuba, was inaugurated to-day.

The first conversation took place between the Cuban Secretary of State and Mr. G. Locker Lampson, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

In warmly reciprocating the good wishes conveyed by the Cuban Minister, Mr. Locker Lampson said that the development of wireless telephony could not fail to bring Cuba and Britain nearer together, and to strengthen the mutual friendship between the two countries which had many interests in common.

The Cuban Minister in London was present, and conversed with the British Minister in Cuba.—British Wireless Service.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the following official weather forecasts have been made:

Hong Kong and adjacent coast, Formosa Channel, moderate S.W. or variable winds, generally overcast.

Hong Kong to Hainan Island, S.E. winds, moderate.

MADAME BORODIN.

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THREE COURIERS WELL.

Peking, March 11.

The Foreign Affairs Commissioner at Tsinan-fu has wired the Foreign Office stating that Madame Borodin and the three diplomatic couriers are all being well treated there.

Foreign messages from Tsinan-fu declare that the lady is being

JAPAN ACCEPTS.

A 3-Power Naval Conference Assured.

Tokyo, March 11.

The Cabinet has decided to accept the American invitation to a tri-partite naval conference.

—Reuter.

Names Mean Little.

Names applied to the various sub-parts are apt to be misleading. Military and political, left and right, moderates and extremists have all been used. Strictly, it is incorrect to say that there is one party in direct opposition to another.

At one time, the term "Right" (meaning Moderates) and "Left" (meaning Extremists, or those whose purposes were best suited by working with Soviet Russia) generally covered the political differences of Canton's leaders.

To-day the question of Communism is not paramount. Both sides are still ready to make use of the Russians without committing themselves too far. And in this, may lie the underlying reason why China (or Southern China) is unlikely to embrace Bolshevism.

Moscow's Part.

The leaders want to be leaders themselves. Subservience to Borodin would mean loss of authority; but in party intrigue and in a struggle against the North any help is welcome.

There are indications at present that Moscow is not prepared to go as far as she has done in the past. Nevertheless, propaganda and other methods are being kept up.

In putting Kwangtung province on her feet preparatory to setting out on the invasion of Central China, General Chang Kai-shek spared neither colleague nor partisan to achieve his object.

Man of Action.

His declaration of supreme loyalty to the Kuomintang (as broadcast by a Nationalist Agency) reminds one of his former actions. His famous "resolutions," which were accepted by the highest council without quibble, stripped the Communistic elements of many privileges. Before that he had curbed the Moderates in no uncertain manner.

Chang Kai-shek's policy has been to use, wherever possible, his own men so that the highest efficiency can be attained. He is not definitely opposed to politicians and labour leaders merely because they are such. Should any stand in the way of Nationalist progress, he sets about to have them removed from office.

And his interpretation of progress, for the party is not necessarily acceptable to others.

Tide of Dissatisfaction.

Rumours have always been current that a tide of dissatisfaction had set in in Hupeh province, in which is Hankow, and other important cities.

General Tang Seng-chi, commanding the 8th Nationalist Army, is the "strong man" there. Viewing matters materially, it was his bid for the control of Hunan province which led to the war between Canton and Wu Pei-fu. His strength having grown extensively, he is said to resent alleged high-handed action by the Commander-in-Chief.

The fact of General Chang Kai-shek staying in Kiangsi province instead of being more often at the seat of government (Hankow and Wuchang) is pointed to as evidence of disagreement between him and those in power.

Coveting Power.

Some time ago, the leaders at Canton trekked overland to set up a new organisation at Wuchang. A few never reached their destination, staying in Nanchang instead.

Until Chang Kai-shek is defeated in battle, he will remain the soldier of the hour. As such, he will have little need to fear trouble from internal strife.

NATIONALIST SPLIT.

Chang Kai-shek Still Supreme.

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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 23rd March, at 11 a.m.

AKI MARU Wednesday, 20th April.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TAKETOTO MARU Friday, 18th March.

MAYEBASHI MARU Saturday, 26th March.

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TOYOSHIMA MARU (Call. Saigon) Saturday, 12th March.

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HAKATA MARU Saturday, 28th March.

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Macedonia	11,120	2nd April
KHYBER	9,144	9th April
DEVANHA	8,155	16th April
DELT	8,007	27th April
MALWA	10,941	30th April
NELLORE	8,853	11th May
KHIVAS	9,135	14th May
NYANZA	7,023	25th May
MOREA	10,918	28th May
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ARAFURA	6,000	23rd April	Manila, Sandakan; Thursday Island
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TILAWA	10,000*	22nd March	Kobe
TEESTA	6,298	24th March	Moji & Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELT	8,007	5th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	9,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JETPORE	7,048	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELORE	6,856	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVAS	9,135	14th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,022	25th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,953	25th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANIA	6,958	9th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama

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Mr. Edward Louis de Hart, who died recently at the Temple at the age of 68, possessed an acute intellect and a thorough grasp of legal principles. But retiring disposition and a reluctance to make himself known even in perfectly legitimate ways prevented him, in spite of constant industry, from achieving the success which he deserved. His father, who was of Dutch descent, was Mr. Jacques de Hart, a merchant and shipowner of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

He was born on May 29, 1868, and went up to Christ's College, Cambridge, where he was placed in the first class in the Law Tripos of 1889 and obtained a Whewell University scholarship for International law in 1892. He was called by the Inner Temple in 1891, and went the North-Eastern Circuit. In legal circles his name was chiefly known as an editor of high-class text books such as Arnold on "Marine Insurance," Smith's "Merchant Law," Macmillan on "Merchant Shipping," and Lowndes on "General Average."

He was also a Reviving Barrister and set occasionally as a Deputy County Judge. His intimate friends knew him as a man of great personal charm and of many accomplishments, and respected his scruples in matters which he deemed to be of principle, although they sometimes thought he carried punctiliosness to an extreme. He leaves a widow, but no children.

SHIPPING OUTLOOK.

AUTHORITATIVE OPINIONS OF
SHIPOWNERS.

Some interesting views on the prospects of the shipping industry are published in the special annual number of "The Compendium."

Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P., president of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, expresses the opinion that the immediate prospects of shipping are not so dark as they were 12 months ago. "We shall," he writes, "probably witness a good deal of unnatural activity this winter and spring. Shipments delayed during the last nine months must go forward pretty soon. There are large quantities of grain in the Antipodes (probably 300,000 tons in Australia) which have to be moved. South America has also been productive, and these two continents will compete for ships. How long this will last no one can tell, but in itself it will not be enough to substantiate the prophecies of prosperity. Combined, however, with other reproductive forces, it can possibly give the trade of the world a new start. Even allowing for the superabundant tonnage on every register, we could count on prosperity were everything favourable. Yet with anything worse than the best in every country, we shall once more find that there are too many ships for the stuff to be carried."

"A Moderate Revival?" Mr. Theodore E. Salvesen, president of the Baltic and White Sea Conference, expresses the belief that a moderate revival may be anticipated in the industry. He says: "The resumption of work in the coalmines was followed not unnaturally, by something in the nature of a general collapse in the freight market. This was only to be expected, and greater interest is provided by speculation regarding the trend of the freight market once the distribution of tonnage has resumed normal conditions. For the past six years the pessimists have, like Cassandra, enjoyed the doubtful satisfaction of seeing the fulfilment of their doleful prophecies, but it appears that there do exist, at least, certain grounds for anticipating a moderate revival in the shipping industry."

In hazarding this opinion, far from sounding on the recent spurt, which should properly be regarded as artificial and entirely attributable to economic dislocation, I rely rather on the prospect of a period of political and industrial peace, resulting in a steady increase in world trade and the volume of sea-borne traffic. Before the coal stoppage, signs of improvement could be discerned, and, although this country has suffered colossal losses in consequence, it has previously given proofs of its amazing power of recovery. The political lessons of the general strike fiasco have assisted in educating labour as to the folly of ignoring the economic law."

The health bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ended March 5 reads:—

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later date. From the first the settlement was open to all foreigners. The French also demanded a settlement in Shanghai, and in 1842 the boundaries of this were fixed, with extensions later.

The American Settlement (1844) grew alongside the Hongkew side of Soochow creek, but never was organised and the boundaries were undefined until the settlement was included with the British Settlement in what is now termed the International Settlement. During the Taiping Rebellion, it was found impossible to limit the settlements to foreigners as thousands of Chinese flocked in for protection, and in Land Regulations drafted later, provision was made governing renting and purchase of land by Chinese. A strong attempt later to establish one foreign settlement in Shanghai under one municipal system did not materialise owing to the strong opposition of the French. It should be emphasised that there is no treaty between the several foreign governments which grants to either or any of them jurisdiction of any kind over the citizens of another power, nor is there any authority vested in the Chinese government to grant such jurisdiction.

FUNERAL.

MR. W. KNIGHT LAID TO REST.

There was a large gathering of colleagues and friends at the funeral at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday of Mr. W. Knight, acting Senior Revenue Inspector, whose death occurred on Thursday.

Tev Rev. G. T. Waldegrave officiated.

The gun-carriage was drawn by Revenue Officers and the pipe band of the K.O.S.B. was in attendance, the Borderers also providing a firing party.

The chief mourners were deceased's wife and brother.

The coffin was borne by brother officers of the Revenue Department.

Messrs. Grimmit, Lannigan, Ward, O'Neill, Warden and Powell.

Family wreaths were sent from His Loving Wife, Mother, Brother, from George and Margaret and little Austin, Eva and Gus, Peter and Peggy, Pe Ma and Mina.

Wreaths also were sent by Mr. and Mrs. W. Glendenning, Kathleen and Peep Glendenning, Nutty and Mrs. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. B. Thorp, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Frith, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bolt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrard, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Taylor, Mrs. Stonham, Mr. and Mrs. Old, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. J. Alves, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Abbas, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Chambers, Feely and Dyeran, Mr. and Mrs. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dyer, Inspector and Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Strange, Mr. P. Condon and Mr. A. Charman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hollands, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Clarke, Sergeant and Mrs. Kirkby, Inspector and Mrs. McWalter.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy, Inspectors S. Logan and P. Grant, Sub-Inspector and Mrs. E. J. Ellis, Sub-Insp. Brown and Sergt. Joy, Inspector W. Hill, Inspector and Mrs. A. Reynolds, Sub-Inspect. and Mrs. Wilson, Sergt. T. Colling and Oren, Mr. F. Winyard and W. S. Cuff, Sergt. George, Mr. Clarke and Brittan, Mr. McEwan, Mr. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. P. Lannigan, Mr. Harrison, Sergt. C. Baysting, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clark, Sergt. J. R. McWalter, Mr. W. McKinley, Mr. C. E. Earshaw, Mr. R. McFarlane, Mr. J. S. A. Currie, Mr. C. J. Thomson, Mr. Wong Yuet, Mr. J. Grieg, Mr. C. Greenwood, Mr. Will Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Alexander, Mr. William J. Currie, Mr. C. Hatt, Mr. Coyle, Mr. George, Mr. R. Gillespie, Revd. C. T. Waldegrave, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lin Shau-ping, Mr. W. Ward and Mr. H. H. Rose.

His Brother Officers, Chinese Revenue Officers, Clerical Staff, Imports and Export Office, Revenue Staff, Kowloon Surveyor, Inspector, Central Police Station, Sergeants Mess, No. 2 Police Station, Sergeants Mess, No. 7 Police Station, Officers' Mess, Lt. Chi Kok, Yau-mati Police Mess, Sergeants Mess, Hung Hom Police, Prison Staff, Royal Naval Yard, Police, Police Recreation Club, Esplanade Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, United Service Lodge, 1341, E. C. and King Edward Hotel.

THE BESSARABIAN TREATY.

Tokyo, March 11.

Despite the Roumanian foreign minister's statement that Japan is expected to ratify the Bessarabian Treaty shortly, Reuter learned on the best authority that no such step is contemplated at present.

THE KING OF SPAIN.

Madrid, March 11.

King Alfonso was distinctly im-

proved his temperature last night was normal.

He is still confined to bed.

NEW VICARIATE

Rev. Fr. J. E. Walsh Made a Bishop.

THE KONGMOON AREA.

Reuter's cable, published yesterday, announcing that His Holiness the Pope has raised the Prefecture Apostolic of Kongmoon to Vicariate and the elevation of Rev. Father James Edward Walsh as Vicar Apostolic gives indication of the growth of the Roman Catholic faith in China generally and South China in particular.

Until as recently as 1924 Kongmoon was in the Vicariate of Bishop A. Rourquet of the Societe des Missions Etrangères de Paris, Vicar Apostolic of Canton. In that year Kongmoon was created a Prefecture Apostolic and was turned over to the newly arrived members of the Maryknoll Mission (Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America).

They ministered the Prefecture under Father Walsh as Prefect Apostolic, but the district still remained under the Vicariate of Bishop Fourquet. The elevation of

Bishop Fourquet to Vicariate of

Kongmoon was decided upon in Rome some two weeks ago, marks the separation of Kongmoon and Canton into two distinct Bishoprics, the one under the American Mission and the other under the French Mission.

The elevation of Father Walsh to Vicar Apostolic of course raises him to the rank of a Bishop, and after his consecration, which it is understood will take place about the end of May, his title will be Monsignor J. E. Walsh, Vicar Apostolic of Kongmoon.

It is not yet known whether Father Walsh will be consecrated locally or in Rome.

In connection with the growth of the Roman Catholic Church in China it is of interest to note here that in the 20 years from 1908 to 1928 the number of Chinese Catholics increased from 783,000 to 2,028,800. Some details of the number of converts in the various provinces in China are as follows:

Chili 645,000
Kiangsu 202,000
Shantung 171,000
Szechuan 156,000
Mongolia 126,000
Kwangtung 106,000

The number of Catholic Bishops at present in China is 64 including the six Chinese Bishops recently consecrated in Rome and Bishop-elect Mgr. Walsh. Of this number seven are located in Kwantung, one in a Diocese and six in Viceroyates as follows:

Diocese of Macao: Mgr. J. da Costa Nunes, Bishop.

Vic. Ap. of Canton: Mgr. A. Fourquet, Vicar Apostolic.

Vic. Ap. of Shiu-chow: Mgr. L. Veraviglia, V.A.

Vic. Ap. of Swatow: Mgr. A. Rayssac, V.A.

Vic. Ap. of Hong Kong: Mgr. H. Valdorta, V.A.

Vic. Ap. of Pakhoi: Mgr. A. Gauthier, V.A.

Vic. Ap. of Kongmoon: Mgr. J. E. Walsh, V.A.

Monsignor Fourquet, Rayssac and Gauthier belong to the Societe des Missions Etrangères de Paris.

Mgr. Valdorta to the Foreign Mission Society of Milan.

Mgr. Veraviglia to the Salesian Mission.

Mgr. Walsh to the Maryknoll Mission of America.

STRAITS GOVERNOR

Possible Change in the Office.

GOSSIP IN MALAYA.

Sir Laurence Guillemard's extended term of office as Governor of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner of the F.M.S. is drawing to a close, and there is some interesting speculation, not only as regards his successor, but as to whether any change in the position itself is in contemplation.

At various times hints have been made that the Governor of the Straits Settlements might in future be a Governor-General, with authority over other territory, such as, for example, as that of British North Borneo.

Two Separate Offices.

There has also been the suggestion that with the growth in importance and wealth of the Federated States, the role of High Commissioner of the F.M.S. should be separated from the Governorship, and that this post should be filled by an official entirely unconcerned with the affairs of the Colony. Such a scheme opens up interesting possibilities. If opinions expressed in Malaya have any weight in the Colonial office, presuming the higher office to be on the same lines as hitherto, a Governor who has had previous experience of the country, would be welcomed, says the "China Express & Telegraph."

Former G.O.C.

At one time it was said that the return of Major-General Sir Neill Malcolm, the former General Officer Commanding, would be popular. But Sir Neill, who was then en route to Borneo, has other important interests, which make it doubtful whether he would consider such an offer.

Another name is that of Sir Frederick James, who was Colonial Secretary from 1916 to 1924, when he was appointed Governor of the Windward Islands. Sir Frederick is a man of vigorous personality and strong opinions, who was a successful administrator even if he did not please everybody at one period of his service. As Sir Frederick is fifty-six years of age, he would not be considered too old to return to Malaya for a few years in the supreme position.

FACTORY INCIDENT.

DISMANTLING OF BISCUIT MACHINE.

TWO MEN FINED \$50 EACH.

The case of alleged damaging of a biscuit making machinery at the M.Y. San Company's factory was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday afternoon.

This time Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the first accused originally represented by Mr. Strellett.

The factory manager was recalled at Mr. d'Almada's request and in reply to counsel said he could not say who was actually responsible for dismantling the machine.

The foreman who was yesterday discharged was put in the witness box. He said the machine had not been in use since October last, but when the factory closed for the Chinese New Year holidays on January 29 it was in perfect order. Witness did not know when the machine was dismantled. He first noticed it was not in working order after the holidays.

His Worship found there was no evidence against Mr. d'Almada's client and discharged him.

The other two men, who admitted that they had dismantled the machine, were convicted and fined \$50 each or by default four weeks' jail.

PROPERTY SALE.

Brisk bidding was the feature of a property sale yesterday at the China Auction Rooms. Details follow:

No. 162, Wing Lok Street (1,087 square feet, Crown rent \$18,70 per annum, 999 year's lease from 1871)—upset price of \$40,000—bids of \$500 up—sold at \$49,500 to Mr. P. K. Kwok who was acting on behalf of Mr. Wong Wai-pak.

POLISH TEXTILE STRIKE.

Warsaw, March 11. The Government has taken in hand the strike of the 200,000 textile workers in the Lodz district and has invited the millowners to come to Warsaw to confer with the Minister of Trade. The workers are demanding twenty-five per cent increase in wages and the owners offer six per cent, hence the deadlock. Socialist circles are considering a sympathetic strike. Reuter.

SYNTHETIC OIL PRODUCTION.

Berlin, March 11. The Leuna works near Halle, which are affiliated to the dye trust, purpose to begin the production of synthetic oil from lignite on April 1. Reuter.

Notice is given in to-day's "Gazette" of the accession of Hong Kong to the treaty of commerce between the U.S. and Czechoslovakia. The stipulations of the treaty will apply to the Colony as from June 5, 1928.

Paris, March 11. La Matin, recalling M. Poincaré's financial achievements, reports that the Governor of the Bank of France has stated France's future could be looked forward to confidently—Reuter.

HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

Aerial And Railway Transport.

GOVERNOR'S REFERENCE.

Replies as Honorary President to the toast of his Health at the annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders yesterday, H.E. the Governor spoke of the part that engineers and shipbuilders had played in the history of China and referred to the possibilities of the future, including aerial and railway transport prospects. He referred to the construction of an aerodrome locally and to "the day when residents of this Colony will take through tickets from Kowloon to Ca'pui—and return tickets at that."

The dinner was held at the Institution premises which had been most effectively laid out for the purpose.

There were about one hundred present, the principal guests including His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., who "was accompanied by Capt. Steele, A.D.C., and Mr. A. Whyte, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern Colonial Secretary, and the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, both of whom are Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Institution. Rear-Admiral W. H. D. Boyle, C.B., R.N., Commodore J. F. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N., the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Lieut.-Col. I. G. Bird, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. S. Boylan Smith, Eng., Capt. W. N. Mitchell, R.N., Eng., Commr. G. H. Young, Mr. Cameron MacGregor (Glen Line) and Mr. D. Templeton.

Others present were Mr. J. Ormiston (President), Mr. L. J. Blackburn (Vice-President and chairman of the committee), Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. S. Baker and Mr. W. Rusell (past Presidents), Mr. R. Hunter (Vice-chairman of the committee), Mr. W. J. Stokes, Mr. J. M. Jack, Mr. W. J. Hill, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Mr. A. Landsberg (Secretary) and many others.

"Institution" Activities. In giving the toast of "Our Honorary President," Mr. Ormiston referred to the Institution's extension and said that in spite of difficulties the estimated loss for the first year of change had not been exceeded. Owing to the diversion of ships to other trades where commerce was not beset with so many difficulties and the unemployed amongst their ranks, the non-contributory and absent members formed rather a large number. An unemployed member still retained the privileges of the Institution without having to pay the subscription.

In spite of these and other handicaps the Institution had maintained its charitable bequests and by lectures had endeavoured to the best of its ability to improve the scientific knowledge of members, to further engineering and shipbuilding science and by entertainments and dances in their premises to encourage social intercourse between members and their lady friends.

In conclusion, Mr. Ormiston asked for greater administrative support from younger members whose response was disappointing, to requests for names of members willing to stand for election on the General Committee.

Governor's Reply.

Responding to the toast H.E. the Governor said:—I thank you for the words in which you have proposed the toast of my health, and gentlemen, I thank you all for the way in which you have received the toast. It is, I feel, a great privilege to be Honorary Resident of an Institution the members of which have in a very literal sense built up this Colony, and it is a great pleasure to me to attend the first annual dinner given by you in your own premises, where we can feel thoroughly at home.

On the occasion of your annual dinner last year I spoke of what engineers had done for Hong Kong. To-night I should like to indicate very briefly what engineers have done, and have it in their power to do, for China.

First of all consider lines of communication. The vast foreign trade of China results from the work of engineers. The total value of that trade to China as shown in the statistics of the Chinese Maritime Customs for 1924 was 1,790 million taels. Almost all this trade is borne in ships, designed, built, worked, decked and kept in repair by engineers. Steam navigation of China's inland waterways is another achievement of engineers, and especially on the upper Yangtze the pioneers surmounted not only difficulties but serious dangers. Railway engineering in China dates from 1875 and is therefore a year younger than I am. It has made great progress, but its future is bound to be greater still, and the day is sure to come when residents in this Colony will take through railway tickets from Kowloon to Chiau and return tickets at that.

The Engineer in China. Road construction in the European sense of the word has scarcely begun; but now that engineers have invented and are steadily perfecting the motor-car, and seeing what a hold motor transport already has upon the Chinese mind, the pressure of Chinese public opinion is likely before long to compel provincial authorities to build motor-roads. When this movement begins, an immense stimulus will be given to the motor industry and rubber and petrol will be even more in demand. Indeed I venture to prophesy that when China is really opened up for motor traffic, a new design of motor car will become imperative, for the world's supply of petrol will not suffice and cars will have to be propelled by some other motor-spirit.

Air transport in China, save for purposes of civil war, hardly yet exists; but it is bound to come and we are already at work on an aerodrome for this Colony. The idea of travelling from Hong Kong to Canton in an hour is sure to make a strong appeal to business men: and once air ways are established the flight from Hong Kong to the majority of the great cities of China will only be a matter of one or at most two days' journey.

Civil Engineering.

Another enormous field for beneficial activity in China, scarcely touched at present, is sanitary engineering in which I would include water works, sewage works, anti-malarial work, slum improvement, town planning, and the like. Then again electric lighting is much desired by Chinese of all classes and, so far as I know, hydro-electric engineering has not yet made a start anywhere in China. There are also telegraphy, telephony, wireless broadcasting and other electrical inventions of which the exploitation in China has only just begun, but the demand for which is likely to be prodigious.

It would be easy to continue for a long time in this strain, but I have said enough to show what an immense demand there is certain to be in China for engineers as soon as War Lords turn their attention from military to civil engineering. We in Hong Kong can do much to supply this demand by training Chinese students in British engineering standards and ideals at the Hong Kong University.

The generosity of the great firm of Butterfield and Swire has endowed the Taikoo Chair of Engineering at that University; but it is for all British engineers and all British Engineering firms in this Colony and above all it is for the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders to collaborate in making the Engineering Faculty of the Hong Kong University the signal success which it ought to be.

Engineering and University. I earnestly invite you each and all to take a real interest in that Faculty. I do this, not only as Chancellor of the University, but even more as Governor of Hong Kong, because I feel that there is a unique opportunity before this Colony of becoming intimately associated with future engineering developments all over China through the medium of young Chinese engineers, who will have been trained in Hong Kong and then go into all the Eighteen Provinces of China taking with them an affection for their "alma mater" and a real comprehension of the thoroughness and the high ideals of British engineering as well as of the genuine friendship for our Chinese neighbours with which we in this Colony are animated.

Gentlemen, I wish your Institution all success and an ever increasing membership as the years go by. I trust that every engineer stationed in Hong Kong will, as a matter of course, join up and do what he can to promote the welfare of the Institution. And I hope that your sphere of activities may steadily expand to the benefit not only of this Colony but of China as well.

The Visitors.

Mr. L. J. Blackburn proposed the toast of "Visitors" and referred to many of the honoured guests by name. He referred to the fact that the Institution had a large and valued number of associate members and emphasised that the Committee welcomed a large influx of both ordinary and associate members.

Relying for the guests, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird emphasised how much passengers, crew and officers on ship owed to the marine engineer and referred to the need for fostering deeper interest in engineering.

Rear-Admiral Boyle, speaking as a sailor, said they owed a debt to the shipbuilders and engineers who provided them with houses to live in and with the means of going round the world. He recalled how he was rushed out to China in 1895. Looking back on those days and on the long and weary days, he realised what a debt they owed the shipbuilders and engineers. On his last trip out to China he arrived in Hong

MURDER ATTEMPT.**YOUNG MAN SENT TO JAIL.****DRAMA IN COURT.**

London, Feb. 20.—There was an intensely dramatic scene at the Nottingham Assizes when a sentence of penal servitude for life was passed on Edgar William Smith, aged twenty-nine, who was charged with attempting to murder Policeman Daftny and shooting him with a revolver in the course of a struggle, when Daftny endeavoured to stop him while he was driving his car to Newark.

Accused replied when the Judge pronounced the penalty and there was a gasp of astonishment in the Court.

Then Smith pleaded for mercy on account of his wife. He said "It is a terrible sentence."

"Yes, it is a terrible sentence," agreed the Judge, "but you did a terrible thing. It is only by the mercy of God that you are not charged with murder."

The Judge then called in Daftny in the presence of Smith and warmly praised his bravery.

Smith, during his defence, said that after the struggle at Whitechapel, in London, he was trying to think out the situation for two hours and then went to the afternoon service at St. Paul's.

CRIPPLE WALKS.**STRIKING CURE OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS.**

A striking example of what can be done, even for advanced cases of infantile paralysis, was demonstrated recently at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Great Portland Street, W., (says a medical writer in the London "Morning Post.")

A Mr. James Haylor, 32 years of age, contracted infantile paralysis when 14 years old. He was entirely unable to use his legs or even to stand on his feet. He was admitted to the hospital in June of last year, and is now able to walk upright and push another patient about in a chair.

The case was shown recently, not as illustrating any new form of treatment, but as exemplifying the results that can be obtained by the methods which have been practised for many years by orthopaedic surgeons. Proper splinting in the early stages of the disease is regarded as being of supreme importance, because in a large proportion of cases, complete recovery is possible by proper splinting alone.

The disease still remains as much of a mystery as ever, the belief being that it is due to a germ which has not yet been isolated. It passes through three stages—the acute, the convalescent, and the chronic. In the acute stage the muscles are tender, and some of them may be paralysed, and it is important that no deformities should be allowed to arise during this period.

In the second stage, if recovery has not been effected by the end of two years, further improvement is unlikely, and the case becomes chronic. Even at this stage, however, much can be done to help the patient, as, for instance, by the correction of deformities, and the hospital contains records of many cases, such as that shown recently, where patients unable to walk as a result of the disease have been enabled to walk after operative treatment.

The hospital treats 80,000 outpatients a year, 25 per cent. of which are the results of this disease.

People are beginning to learn that it does not pay to make a building ugly.—Mr. Baldwin.

Sometimes to save one's face is to lose one's soul.—Father Waggett.

The clash between England and America, so far as it exists, is to a very large extent the clash between middle age and youth.—Canon Carnegie.

Kong 16 days after leaving Malta. The war, he continued, proved a great test for the marine engineers and for the whole of the seafaring services of the British Empire, both Naval and Mercantile, and there had been no adverse criticism of marine engineers in this respect.

Mr. J. S. Gillingham caused considerable amusement by the reading of bogus "cables" from famous men who were "prevented from attending the dinner."

During the evening an excellent musical programme was given by Messrs. A. E. Stone, T. G. Paterson, R. M. Keown and L. E. Hopkins. Messrs. G. Grimble and H. A. Jones were the accompanists.

The catering for the dinner was done by Messrs. Yule, Crawford & Co.

"CO-OPERATION."**THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY ADDRESS.****THE WEEKLY MEETING.**

Mr. J. Russell gave an address on "Co-operation" at Thursday's (weekly) public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society. An extract of his talk follows:

"Many there are who make a stand against such an Inane state of affairs, for always there has been a band of thinking people but their voice is ridiculed and held up to scoff.

Solution to Deadlocks.

"When will the nations of humanity cease to war and kill in the name of the Lord of Love, who Himself is for all and against none? Learn to trust, learn to co-operate with one another, in all good beginnings, learn to support the divine nature, to appeal to that in all men, so shall you prepare for peace and abundance of life will return to all."

"The practice of the Spirit of Universal Brotherhood, for the good not of a party but of all humanity, will alone provide a satisfactory solution of the deadlocks the world is in to-day."

"The application of the principles of Co-operation based on man's essential unity with all men and all nations of the earth will change us from the wish to outrace others to the wish to carry others along."

At Locarno.

"If each of us would co-operate with one another as cells in the one body of humanity, by daily and hourly thinking of the unity and eternal friendliness of the one divine life animating us all, and strengthen in one another, the determination to overcome the enmity of the warring, selfish minds, the arch-enemy of the divine man in us, then surely the power of our inherent divinity will unfold and in expanding show the way to peace."

"Every thought and desire carrying a message of love and unselfishness to humanity at large helps the labouring divinity to withhold and to reign in the erring voice of the human mind; and it is only in proportion as we co-operate, with one another to help in holding the mind in check as our instrument, not our master, that the light of our Divinity will light our way and show us the Will of the Universal Self, that wisdom that mighty and sweetly ordereth all things."

Converting Enemis.

"A great Teacher once said:—"Hatred ceaseth not by hatred, hatred ceaseth only by Love"; and so evil ceaseth not by fire and destruction, but only by lovingly and wisely substituting the noble, the selfless, the good."

"People who happen to look upon the outside of things do not believe in the sermon of peace and goodwill towards all men, in the mighty power of trust in the goodwill of others, of selfless and brotherly co-operation.

"Like always arouses like, as a light in the darkness cannot fail to be seen, so unselfish love and a true co-operation in thoughts and deed cannot but disarm and convert enemies into friends."

"Those who know the spirit of the Theosophical movement are aware that it is pre-eminently practical, based on the sacred unity of all mankind, and serving not parts but the whole of humanity, for there is no lasting well-being of one part of humanity to the detriment of another."

The Steps to Christ.

"The Theosophical tendencies now permeating all lines of thought have infused a new spirit of worldwide unity, of worldwide love and friendship which alone can lead us to peace, prosperity and lasting greatness. These are the steps to the Christ whom men profess. Let them follow Him."

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March 12—Queen's Theatre; "The Dressmaker From Paris." **March 12**—World Theatre; "Man and Maid." **March 12**—Star Theatre; "Thank You." **March 12**—Dance at Peak Club. **9.15 p.m.** **March 17**—Musicals at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m. **March 21 & 22**—Jascha Heifetz at the Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

There are 320,019 Boy Scouts, Rover Scouts, and Wolf Cubs in Great Britain and Ireland, an increase of 14,152 compared with 1925.

Shanghai butchers have been notified by their union that prices for all grades of beef, pork and mutton have been increased by 40 per cent. This was enforced on the first day of the Chinese moon.

Two Australian yachtsmen, Messrs. Robert and Francis Lukes, are preparing to leave Marseilles in a small yawl, the "Cutty Sark," to sail for Melbourne via the Red Sea, India, Singapore, Japan, the Fiji Islands, and New Caledonia. They are allowing two years for their voyage, and expect to cover about 24,000 miles.

According to the "Daily Mail" a firm of London undertakers is using a hollow tapestry covered settee instead of the usual coffin shell to remove bodies from hotels and public places. The assistants are dressed as furniture removalists and wear green baize aprons. They carry the settee through the hotel during business hours and nobody knows that it contains a dead body.

Gen. Li Pao-chang, Defence Commissioner of Shanghai and Woosung, has issued another warning forbidding people to spread rumours detrimental to the Allied cause through the post, lest these rumours may endanger the peace and order of the city. Any offender, Gen. Li affirms, will be severely dealt with, according to strict martial law. However, it would appear that this warning, like several others, remarks the "North China Daily News," has been honoured by most people more in the breach than in the observance.

In view of the arrival of the Coldstream Guards in Shanghai, Chinese journalists are reported to have been at some pains to get a good translation for the name of the regiment. One interesting effort is reported, this working out as "Cold Water Soldiers," which is possibly not incorrect as a literal translation of the words when the name of the village of Coldstream is split up. The idea conveyed, remarks a Shanghai paper, is naturally that such troops will be eminently suitable for operations in this part of the country with its endless succession of creeks, containing very cold water at the present season.

The Portuguese Government has decided to hand over the management of the State Railways to a private company.

The "Straits Times" understands that all anti-malarial operations undertaken at the Singapore naval base have been under the control of the Admiralty medical officers.

A charming picture in colours of the Canadian Rockies adorns the neat little vest-pocket calendar the Canadian National Railways are issuing in Hong Kong.

Radium valued at \$1,500 which disappeared from the operating theatre at Charing Cross Hospital last week, was recovered on a heap of refuse at Harrow, Middlesex.

A special parade of the No. 4 Platoon (Portuguese Section) of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps was held yesterday at the Club de Recreio ground in King's Park.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday fined a Chinese woman \$50 or four weeks' imprisonment for failing to report a case of small-pox. Defendant admitted she knew the child was suffering from small-pox but she did not know it was necessary to report.

The ship's Company of H.M.S. "Danae" held a successful dance in the Helena May Institute on Thursday evening, this being the first public function of the ship's Company, and auguring well for the success of further ones contemplated.

Fairly extensive observations were held in Hong Kong to-day for the second anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, especially among the Chinese working classes. Formal rites were gone through by nearly all of the labour unions, but in very simple form, and without much of the trumpet blowing associated with similar ceremonies elsewhere. A number of guilds have declared a holiday at the request of employees. It was noticeable in the streets that the Nationalist flag (white "sun" blue "sky" and red ground) was even more extensively displayed than during China New Year when there was still a preponderance of the five-buried "Republic" banner.

The "Sunday Chronicle's" quest for a white husband for the daughter of an Ellice Island chieftain has resulted in the receipt of numerous letters from eager suitors for the dark-skinned lady's hand. One comes from an ex-army officer who confesses that he "is absolutely fed up with white girls," but is careful to add, "My passage must be paid." Another says he is willing to marry the girl if he becomes the chieftain's heir. Mr. Jack McLaren, who was first responsible for putting this queer matrimonial proposition before the public, states that he had an audience with the chief before leaving Ellice Island, and learned that his daughter was sixteen years of age, an excellent swimmer, and owns a house and coconut plantation.



New portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, noted Nationalist leader of India.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Elias Ashmead-Bartlett, C.B.E., was sent to China by the "Daily Telegraph" in order to supplement the work of resident correspondents here.

The N.Y.K. "Kitano Maru" arrived here yesterday with a good many passengers from the North, including Mr. and Mrs. E. Ring and Mr. A. J. Christensen.

An engagement is announced between Surgeon Lt. V. H. Boobyer, R.N., son of Dr. and Mrs. P. Boobyer of Nottingham, and Naney Kathleen, daughter of the late Mr. G. W. Appleby, of the Chinese Customs, and of Mrs. Appleby, of No. 12, Abercorn Place, N.W.

Several officers of the Japanese Army are on the "Kitano Maru" which arrived yesterday and leaves for London via Singapore to-day. These include Major-General Kehji Muro, Major Wataru Mitsuhashi, Major Toyozo Fukuhara, and Captain Yoshimasa Kawaida.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Looker and Sir Gershon and Lady Stewart were among the large gathering who met the Prime Minister and Mrs. Baldwin at a reception given by the Marquess and Marchioness of Londonderry on Feb. 7. Mr. Looker was formerly senior partner in the local law firm now known as Deacons and is at present an M.P.

His many friends both in Hong Kong and Canton will wish Mr. C. E. Watson a pleasant time during his nine months' holiday. Mr. Watson is the popular secretary of the Shamian Municipal Council. Accompanied by Mrs. Watson, their two children and Mrs. Watson's mother, he came down to Hong Kong yesterday on the "Fatsham" and sailed for home to-day on the "Kitano Maru." Mr. Watson's eldest son is going to Cranleigh on arrival in England. Prior to becoming the Shamian Council secretary, Mr. Watson had been on the staff of the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese Section) and in business. He is a fine tennis player and represented Shamian against the last Japanese Far East Olympiad team.

Mr. J. Barrow has been appointed a Cadet in the Hong Kong Civil Service.

A Hong Kong resident in Mr. J. E. Joseph, who has been staying at the Hotel Cecil in London, is due back here very shortly.

Captain Teijiro Toyoda, D.S.O., Japanese Naval Attaché in London, is to leave for Japan on March 26. He will be succeeded at the Embassy by Captain Koichi Shiozawa, D.S.O., who reached England at the end of February.



General Sir Charles Harrington, the famous British general, recently promoted.

Three well-known postal clerks and telegraphists attached to the Kingston Post Office have been detailed for postal service in China in connection with the Shanghai Defence. Each served during the Great War. Mr. P. C. Moseley, as Comptroller Sergeant-Major, Mr. A. Charles as Sergeant, and Mr. A. W. Murley as Comptroller in the Postal Section of the Royal Engineers.

The appointment of Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Herbert John Chapman Goodwin to be Governor of Queensland, in succession to Sir Matthew Nathan, has been officially confirmed.

Mr. F. G. Carroll, acting assistant manager of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (head office, Hong Kong), is going to Bangkok temporarily to act as agent there.

"An actor's life is not all oysters and champagne," Mr. Seymour Hicks told the "Daily News." "Six hours sleep and 18 hours' work are my lot. Recently I wore a pedometer on the stage, and I found that I walked four miles daily, besides saying 20,000 words."

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Captain Patrick Carson Perfect (the cricketer of the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers now in Hong Kong) to Miss Helen Ann Hogg, of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Gen. Li Pao-chang, the Defence Commissioner, in reply to a letter of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, consented to release Mr. Francis Zia, managing editor of the "China Courier" and the "China Tribune" on security for three months to enable him to receive medical treatment. After this period, Gen. Li says, Mr. Zia must be taken into custody again.

Shanghai papers record the death of Mr. Gordon Stuart Valentine Bidwell at the Sisters of Mercy Hospital in London on Sunday last. The deceased had been ill for months and was confined to the house most of the time until about a month ago, when doctors ordered him to the hospital; which he never left. The late Mr. Bidwell left Shanghai in May, 1926, on home leave and it was soon on arrival there that he became too ill to be out. Mr. Bidwell, who was a Shanghai boy, "Gordon," more commonly called by a host of friends and business associates, was chief cashier of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, having been with them for 28 years, until its liquidation. His chief interests were voluntary fire brigade work, both in the Settlement and the French Concession.

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SPORTS SECTION

STRAIGHT SETS.

E. C. FINCHER DEFEATS
M. K. LO.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Evidence that he was improved since last year was forthcoming when E. C. Fincher played yesterday in the Hong Kong Cricket Club annual tennis tournament, defeating M. K. Lo in straight sets in the first round of the open singles championship of the Colony.



M. K. Lo who, rather unexpectedly, lost to E. C. Fincher yesterday in the open singles tennis championship.

Fincher served and his harder and his cuts and chops had Lo in difficulties. The loser had the better knowledge of the game and his experience stood him in good stead. Fincher concentrated on Lo's backhand and played fast tennis. Through having a lot of running to do, Lo finished very tired.

Yew Man-tsun appeared in the second round, and showed a strong forehand drive, which he did not have before.

Honda (single champion in 1926 and 1924) easily won his match in the doubles. Yesterday's results:

Open Singles.

First Round:—E. C. Fincher beat M. K. Lo, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3; J. Casembong beat T. Sajiki, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; C. Stark walk-over from F. T. Orr.

Second Round:—Yew Man-tsun beat T. D. E. Pendered, 6-0, 6-1, 6-2; R. H. Henderson beat C. Chou, 8-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Open Doubles.

T. Honda and H. Akiyama beat Dr. J. Craig and W. L. B. Sparrow, 6-1, 6-0, 6-0.

Club Championship.

F. A. Redmond beat R. K. Valentine, 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0.

Handicap Singles "B."

P. E. Barker (rec. 4/6) beat H. C. Macnamara (rec. 15/3), 6-4, 9-7.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

Starting times for the Fanling course of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club on Sunday are as follows:—

9.28 a.m. W. J. Clerk, C. B. Robertson.

9.32 A. Bolas, D. M. Goodall.

9.36 Capt. Morris, E. P. Fletcher.

9.40 G. E. Towns, R. A. Green.

9.44 J. P. Sherry, T. Megarry.

9.48 C. B. Johnson, G. E. Layton.

9.52 A. H. Penn, L. M. S. Lloyd.

9.56 S. R. Sturt, X. Edwards.

10.00 A. D. Humphreys, C. A. Peel.

10.04 H. E. Standage, C. A. L. Rickett.

10.08 J. F. Kennedy, H. M. Muir.

10.12 A. Leach, F. H. Crappell.

10.16 A. B. Raworth, M. H. Turner.

10.20 A. W. Roberts, S. T. Butlin.

10.24 J. Coulthart, W. M. Cox.

10.28 Lt. W. D. Brown, G. Davidson.

10.32 D. Forbes, F. B. Jones.

10.36 F. G. Vaux, D. H. Blake.

10.40 W. Ironside, T. Low.

10.44 F. P. J. Wodehouse, J. S. McLaren.

10.48 L. G. S. Dodwell, A. C. I. Bowker.

10.52 H. F. Bloxham, L. R. Andrews.

10.56 T. L. Christie, J. Harrop.

11.00 E. J. Mahon, W. C. Murray.

11.04 D. Templeton, J. W. Robertson.

11.08 C. C. Stark, J. H. Hearn.

11.12 N. K. Littlejohn, C. J. Waddell.

11.16 R. J. Rawlinson, Commdr. Finlayson.

11.20 G. E. Ellams, C. B. Brown.

11.24 N. L. Smith, E. des Voeux.

11.28 W. J. Shenton, B. Petheram.

11.32 W. Pittendrigh, J. H. Wallace.

11.36 H. U. Ireland, H. Spear.

11.40 I. H. Geare, W. Douglas.

11.44 G. Murray, W. L. Dunbar.

11.48 R. W. Lee, E. D. Black.

11.52 T. C. Monaghan, A. O. Brown.

11.56 S. C. Feltham, S. Cox.

12.00 G. Grimble, C. Thwaites.

YACHT CLUB.

DETAILS OF SAILING EVENTS.

CRUISERS TO TRY AGAIN.

(By "Chau-Kung.")

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club v. Ladies event which was postponed last Sunday on account of the boisterous weather is now provisionally arranged for Sunday, March 20. At the next meeting I believe the contest is to be for teams of boats; the ladies have been reduced in numbers, but not in enthusiasm, by departures, or Home leave. They will probably be strengthened by the return of Mrs. J. L. Adams from leave.

The re-sail of the 1st race for Cruisers which should have taken place on Sunday, February 20, is now down for sailing on Sunday next. I believe the starters are to be asked to sail the race with no

DRAUGHTS MATCH.

British Tourists Defeated in America.

New York, March 11.

An American draughts team defeated the visiting British team which included five British champions.

The Americans won 92 games to 20, and 560 games were drawn.—Reuter's American Service.

The Services members have laid down very sporting conditions for their handsome prizes. All classes are to compete together on sealed handicaps which are to be fixed on the day of the race as is the course. The winning boat of each class will receive a prize. The Service members are placing their boats at the disposal of those civilian members or their wives, who do not themselves own boats. A most keenly contested race is expected.

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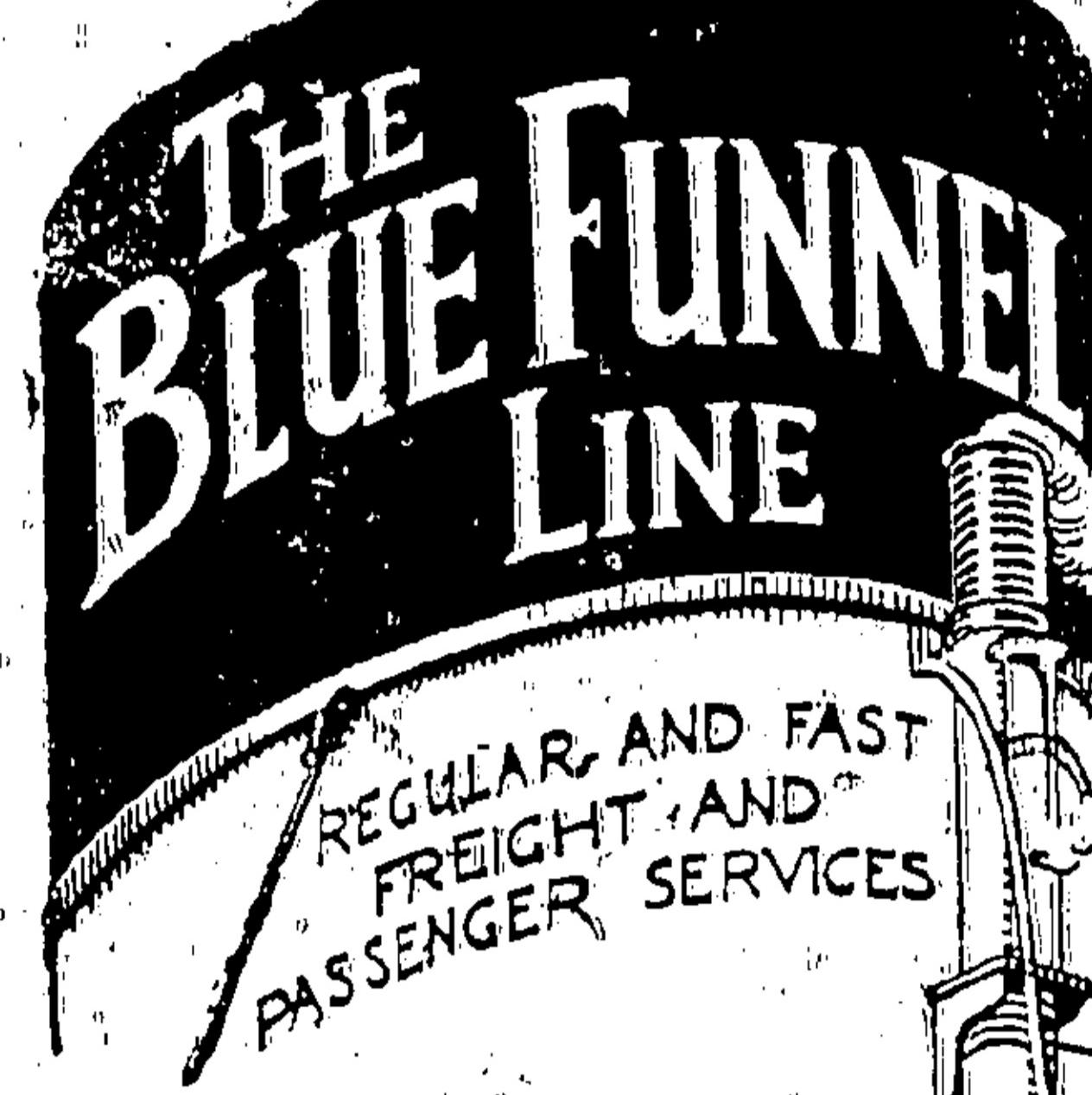
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H.M.'S FORCES.

Latest Naval & Military Movements.

"YARMOUTH" COMING OUT.

H.M.S. "Yarmouth," Captain W. N. Custance, is coming out (and due shortly) with relief crews for ships on the station. The "Yarmouth," which was attached to the Signal School, Portsmouth, was to have completed repairs on Feb. 15, and be ready to leave about Feb. 16.

Among those who will take passage in her is Commander V. E. Ward, lately commanding the "Tross," with the Portsmouth Submarine Flotilla, who is going out to join the cruiser "Vindictive," in which Commander C. A. Merriman has completed two years.

Gunboat Commanders.

Lieutenant-Commander C. St. C. Ingham and A. L. Poland, D.S.C., selected to command the gunboats "Moors" and "Robin" respectively, will also take passage in the "Yarmouth."

Lt.-Comdr. S. St. C. Ingham was appointed to "Moors" on Feb. 4 (succeeding Lt.-Comdr. A. B. Fanshaw). The "Moors" is attached to the West River Flotilla.

The "Apolis" and "Ladybird," coming from Malta, will be employed on the Yangtze River, under H.M.S. "Bee," flagship of Rear Admiral J. E. Cameron (S.N.O.).

Colonel McCormack, Adviser to the Persian Ministry of Finance, presented a report purporting to show that prohibition of the cultivation of poppies in Persia would not materially affect the use of narcotics in the West, and that the curtailment of manufacture is more important than restriction or cultivation.—Reuter.

Persian's Policy.

Mr. McCormack added that Persia agreed after three years to reduce opium production ten per cent. a year for three years and thereafter to decide on a policy in accordance with the general situation.

The Government in order to facilitate reduction would exempt from taxation lands where the poppy was cultivated and would grant special loans to assist proprietors in abandoning cultivation.

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Pay Lt. A. L. Craig-Jefferys and Pay Sub-Lt. G. F. Franklin to H.M.S. "Hawkins," for duty in the Admirals' office (on relief), additional temporary.

Naval Transport Officer.

Captain F. H. Elderton, Royal Indian Marine, whose appointment as temporary Commander, R.N., was gazetted last month, is to carry out the duties of Principal Naval Transport Officer at Shanghai.

Captain Elderton, now 62, has many associations with China. During the Boxer rebellion of 1900 he was twice mentioned in despatches for service as Principal Transport Officer, and was appointed a member of the D.S.O. In the late war he was Divisional Naval Transport Officer at Rouen and at Dover, and was made a C.M.G. He married the eldest daughter of Mr. A. M. Eckford of Chefoo, China.

680 Men Due Shortly.

Twenty-four officers, Royal Artillerymen, and members of the Army Service Corps, to the number of 680, embarked on the Blue Funnel liner "Bellerophon" at Liverpool on Feb. 5 for China and are due here this week end.

In addition there were on board about four hundred horses and mules and a number of heavy motor wagons and stores.

The remaining half of the 5th Armoured Car Company, Royal Tank Corps, left Scarborough by special train shortly after midnight on Feb. 5 for Liverpool, to embark for China.

A WITNESS IN TROUBLE.

The Chinese charged with theft of a flannel shirt from the engineers' cabin on board H.M.S. "Hollyhook" at the Naval Yard was again in Court this morning.

The witness called by the accused at first said, accused was scraping the floor with him in the cabin, but later said, accused was working above.

After he had been warned by the Magistrate that he would go to jail for perjury if he insisted in contradicting himself, the witness admitted he did not know anything about the accused's work on the ship.

Accused was fined \$10 or two weeks' jail.

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NEW PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

The Governor has made the following promotions and appointments in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps:

Second Lieutenant Kenneth Sinclair Morrison to be Lieutenant, with effect from March 8, 1927.

Second Lieutenant John Norrie Owen to be Lieutenant, with effect from March 8, 1927.

Second Lieutenant Arthur Harry Penn to be Lieutenant, with effect from March 8, 1927.

Second Lieutenant Reginald Robert Davies, M.C., M.M., to be Lieutenant, with effect from March 8, 1927.

Lance-Sergeant Stanley Jarvis, M.C., to be Second Lieutenant, with effect from March 8, 1927.

The Colony had a clean bill of health yesterday.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

A REQUEST BY THE CHINESE DELEGATE.

Geneva, March 11. The Council of the League of Nations has adopted the report on the opium traffic.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu (China) requested the advisory committee to accept the figures of the Chinese Maritime Customs in preference to those supplied by the International Anti-Opium Association of Peking.

He declared that the figures would be communicated through a Chinese representative to the League.

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MORE DOG BITES.

A mongrel dog belonging to Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of No. 9, Queen's Gardens was taken to Kennedy Hospital yesterday after biting a Chinese man employed by Mr. More, who occupies No. 7, Queen's Gardens.

A Chinese man of Nga-n-tau village East, near Kowloon City, has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital as the result of being bitten by a dog. It was deemed that medical treatment would be necessary and the dog is under observation at Kennedy Town.

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